GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Higher Education – Proposal of Microsoft Corporation (India) Pvt.Ltd. for skilling of students in Andhra Pradesh to leverage Microsoft's expertise in technology and education to train 1,62,000 students and unemployed youth across 300+ Colleges, Skill Development centers in Andhra Pradesh – Administrative Sanction for an amount of Rs.29.00 crores as additional funds – Orders – Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (EC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.65. **Dated: 04.05.2021.**

Read the following:-

1) From the Director-Education, Microsoft Corporation (India) Pvt.Ltd., Letter dated 18.02.2021.
2) From Dr.Kumar Annavarapu, Coordinator, Overseas Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Letter dated 22.02.2021
3) G.O.Rt.No.1141, Finance (FMU-HE-SKILLS-DEV-TRNG) Department, dated 03.05.2021.

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O R D E R:-

The Director-Education, Microsoft Corporation (India) Pvt.Ltd. has informed that as discussed with Government of A.P., Microsoft is proposing an end-to-end holistic scalable skilling solution, starting with Learning content and curriculum, trainings, experiential learning through Azure Labs / exercises, certifications up to preparing them for employment opportunities through LinkedIn courses highly customized as per the requirements of Government of A.P.

2. Microsoft's Future-Ready Skills Solutions, Industry certifications, particularly technical certifications will help to build a skilled workforce that meets the needs of employers for in-demand jobs with skills in Productivity, IT Infrastructure, Data Science and Computer Science. Governments and education institutions around the world are addressing this gap by equipping their students with Microsoft's globally recognized certifications – the gold standard and measurement for modern workforce and their readiness.

3. In the Letter 2nd read above, Dr.Kumar Annavarapu, Coordinator, Overseas Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that in regular course the cost of the project for 1,62,000 students, Microsoft would have charged Rs.380.00 crores, whereas Microsoft has agreed to charge Rs.29.00 crores which is approximately 9% of the original cost of the project. Microsoft has agreed to voluntarily implement the programme at almost negligible cost subsidized upto 91% after series of negotiations held by him. Keeping in view of the multiple advantages of the training program offered by Microsoft and the rock bottom price agreed upon by Microsoft, Dr.Kumar Annavarapu, Coordinator, Overseas Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to consider the proposal and its implementation for the students of Andhra Pradesh during the current academic year 2021-22.

4. The Special Commissioner of Collegiate Education, A.P., Vijayawada, Special Commissioner of Technical Education, A.P., Vijayawada and all Vice-Chancellors of State Universities have also supported the program.

5. In the above circumstances and in pursuance of the orders issued in the G.O. 2nd read above, Government after examination hereby issue an Administrative Sanction for an amount of Rs.29,00,00,000/- (Rupees twenty nine crore only) as additional funds in relaxation of treasury control and quarterly regulation orders pending provision of funds by obtaining supplementary grants at an appropriate time during the C.F.Y. 2021-22 towards skilling of students in Andhra Pradesh to leverage Microsoft's expertise in technology and education to train 1,62,000

students and unemployed youth across 300+ Colleges and Skill Development centers in Andhra Pradesh.

(Rupees in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Head of Account	Charged/ Voted	Provision in BE 2021-22	Additional amounts sanctioned	Amount reappro-priated	Total Privision in BE 2021-22	Amount already Authorized	Amount authorized now	Balance amount available
Scheme Name: Assistance to Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education **Procedure of Drawal of Funds**: Adjustment to PD Account **Drawing Officer**: Concerned DDO									
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Total			**0.00**	**2,900.00**	**0.00**	**2,900.00**	**0.00**	**2,900.00**	**0.00**

6. The Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri, Guntur District shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SATISH CHANDRA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Secretary,
A.P. State Council of Higher Education,
Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to:-
The Coordinator, Overseas Education, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada
The Director of Works & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada
The pay & Accounts Officer, Vijayawada
The Higher Education (OP) Department
The Finance (BG.I) & (BG.II) Department
The CEO, APCFSS, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada
The P.S. Secretary to C.M.
The Addl.P.S. to Minister (Education)
The P.S. to Spl.Chief Secretary to Govt., Higher Education Dept.
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/Forwarded::By order/

Section Officer